

*The Historie of*

witcht with the rogues company. If the rascall haue not giuen me medicines to make me loue him, Ile be hangd : it could not be else, I haue drunke medicines, *Poines, Hal*, a plague vpon you both. *Bardoll, Peto*, Ile starue ere Ile rob a foote further : and t'were not as good a deed as drinke, to turne true man, and to leaue these Rogues, I am the veriest Varlet that euer chewed with a tooth : eight yeardes of vneuen ground, is threescore and ten miles afoot with me : and the stony hearted Villaines know it well enough, a plague vpon it when theeves cannot be true one to another.

*They whistle,*

Whew, a plague vpon you all, giue me my Horse, you rogues, Giue me my Horse, and be hangd.

*Prince.* Peace ye fat guts, lie downe, lay thine eare close to the ground, and list if thou can heare the tread of Travellers.

*Fal.* Haue you any leauers to lift me vp againe being downe? Zbloud, Ile not beare mine owne flesh so far afoot againe for all the Coyne in thy Fathers Exchequer: What a plague meane ye to colt me thus?

*Prince.* Thoulyest, thou art not colted, thou art vncoltd.

*Fal.* I prethee good Prince *Hal*, helpe mee to my Horse, Good Kings sonne.

*Prince.* Out you Rogue, shall I be your Ostler?

*Fal.* Go hang thy selfe in thine owne Haire apparant Garters : if I be tane, Ile peach for this : and I haue not Ballades made on all, and sung to filthy tunes, let a cup of Sacke be my poyson : when ieast is so forward, and a foot too, I hate it.

*Enter Gads-hill.*

*Gad.* Stand. *Fal.* So I doe against my will.

*Poin.* O tis our setter, I know his voyce: *Bardoll* what newes?

*Bar.* Case yee, case yee; on with your Vizards, ther's mony of the Kings comming downe the Hill, tis going to the Kings Exchequer.

*Fal.* You lie you rogue, tis going to the Kings Tauerne.

*Gad.* There's enough to make vs all.

*Fal.* To be hangd.

*Prince.* You foure shall front them in the narrow Lane: *Ned Poines* and I, will walke lower; if they scape from your encounter, then they light on vs.

*Peto.*

*Henry the fourth.*

*Peto.* But how many be they of them?

*Gad.* Some eight or ten.

*Fal.* Zounds, will they not rob vs?

*Prin.* What! a coward Sir *John Pannock*?

*Fal.* Indeed I am not *John of Gant* your Grandfather, but yet no coward, *Hal*.

*Prince.* Well, wee leane that to the prooffe.

*Poynes.* Sirra *Iacke*, thy horse stands behind the hedge, when thou needest him, there thou shalt finde him: farewell, & stand

*Fal.* Now cannot I strike him if I should be hangd. (*fast.*)

*Prince.* Ned, where are our disguises?

*Poynes.* Here hard by, stand close.

*Fal.* Now my maisters, happy man be his dole, say, euery man to his businesse.

*Enter the Travellers.*

*Tra.* Come neighbour, the boy shall lead our horses downe the hil, weele walke a foote a while, and ease our leggs.

*Theeves.* Stay.

*Tra.* Iesus bleffe vs.

*Fal.* Strike, downe with them, cut the villaines throates: a horse on caterpillars! Bacon-fed knaues, they hate vs youth, downe with them, fleece them.

*Tra.* O, we are vndone, both we and ours for euer.

*Fal.* Hang ye gorbellied knaues, are ye vndone? no yee fat chuffes, I would your store were here: on bacons, on, what yee knaues? young men must liue, you are grand Iurers, are yee? weele iure yee yfaith.

*Here they rob them and binde them: Enter.*

*the Prince and Poines*

*Prince.* The theeves haue bound the true men : now coulde thou and I rob the theeves, and go merrily to London, it would be argument for a weeke, laughter for a month, and a good iest for euer.

*Poynes.* Stand close, I heare them comming.

*Enter the Theeves againe.*

*Fal.* Come my maisters, let vs share, and then to horse before day: and the *Prince* & *Poynes* be not two arrant cowardes, theres no equity stirring, theres no more valour in that *Poynes*, than in a wild Duck.

*Prince.*